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Merrick Board Sells Old Court House

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special)—The Merrick County Board of supervisors approved the surety bond of Henberger & Co., the contractors who will erect the new structure, and let the contract for the removal of the old structure to Joe A. Hayes. He is to pay \$25 for the old building and move it away before the specified time, February 20. The court house furniture, vault doors, etc., are of course reserved by the county.

William Wegner was re-elected chairman of the board for another year. B. W. Benson was chosen county surveyor. William B. Hayes, who was elected last fall, failing to qualify. The contract for furnishing stationery and printed supplies to the county officers was let to the Central City Republican, the contractor section supplies to the Times-Independent company of Loup City, and the contract for legal advertising to the Silver Creek Sand. The supervisors' proceedings were ordered published in each of the five papers of the county, each meeting at the rate of \$2 per column.

The county assessor was granted \$12 for clerk hire for the year, and the salary of the deputy sheriff was fixed at \$2 per day. The salary of the county superintendent was fixed at \$1,000 per year.

The annual estimate for the ensuing year was made as follows: General fund, \$24,000; bridge, \$15,000; soldiers' relief, \$800

KEARNEY COUNTY FINANCES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

MEDICAL, Jan. 12.—(Special)—The number of farm mortgages filed during the year 1911 amounted to 167, totalling \$16,327.65, with 161 released, amounting to \$274,476.15, leaving a net increase in the mortgages on farms in Kearney county of \$178,091.50. During the years 1911, 1910, 1908, 1907, 1906 and 1905 the mortgage indebtedness on farms of Kearney county has increased above those released in the sum of \$18,548.65. Ninety per cent of this indebtedness is made by farmers who buy neighboring farms as an investment. City and village mortgages increased during 1911 \$5,532.55 over the amount released.

The bonded debt of Kearney county is very low. In 1905 the county issued \$80,000 court house bonds, of which only \$37,000 remain unpaid. Nearly every school district in the county has comparatively new school houses and only two have any outstanding bonds, and both these have just finished modern school buildings. The village of Wilcox has \$9,675 of school bonds outstanding while the village of Axtell has \$2,030 in school bonds unpaid. Minden has \$17,000 of unpaid water bonds outstanding.

There is not a floating warrant outstanding against the county or any village, city or school district.

GRAND ISLAND COMMISSION ELECTION IS DELAYED

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special)—Owing to the inability of Mayor Ryan to prepare and issue today his proclamation calling the special election on the adoption or rejection of the commission plan of government, Grand Island will be under its present form of government by eight councilmen and mayor at least until April, 1913. The latter part of last week the Commercial club appointed a committee to secure the necessary petitions. These were secured on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mayor Ryan, a number of the councilmen and many citizens had previously expressed themselves in favor of the plan and especially of a vote on the proposition. About 85 signatures of qualified voters were required and the committee in one day secured over 500. However, the time for the notice of the election was short. February 12 was the latest that the election could be held. Added to a lack of time in preparing carefully the proclamation, Mayor Ryan felt that more time should be given the voters to study the plan, and he will call the election some time later this latter part of March, or perhaps even later, and will give at least fifty days' notice, instead of the thirty which would have been the limit possible should the plan, if adopted, go into effect this year. The mayor's objections to speed in the matter have been voiced by numerous others.

NEWS NOTES FROM FAIRBURY

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRYING TO AVOID WITH EXPENSIVE GRADUATIONS.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special)—The Board of Education of Fairbury schools has passed resolutions asking that parents of the graduates make an effort to do away with the custom of wearing costly graduating clothes, asserting that it works a hardship on many of the parents. It also made rules relative to the demeanor of the members of the senior class during the school year. No member of the graduating class will be eligible to graduation who participates in "sneak day" or other hilarious conduct. The resolutions of the Board of Education have met with hearty approval among the citizens of Fairbury.

Judge L. M. Pemberton of Beatrice has arranged a district court schedule for Jefferson county for the current year. There will be three terms this year—April 1, June 17 and December 2, respectively. The first and third terms will be the jury terms and the second the equity term. The jurors will be notified to appear at 10 o'clock on the second day of the term which they are called.

Hon. H. M. Bushnell, president of the Nebraska Commercial Clubs association, addressed the Fairbury Commercial Club Friday evening at 8 o'clock on "What a Commercial Club Can Do Without You."

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Bank of Cass Elects Officers.

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Boy Dies Suddenly.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special)—Francis Reed, aged 5 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Reed, died very suddenly last evening. He had been as well as usual during the day, was taken ill and was dead within two hours.

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